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NEW NAVAL BASE OPERATIONAL
YOUJIH, CHINA (SWN)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: THE PRESENCE OF NAVAL COMBATANTS AT YOUJIH NAVAL BASE AND SHIP REPAIR YARD SIGNIFIES THAT THE BASE IS OPERATIONAL AND CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING THE LARGEST COMBATANTS IN THE CHINESE NAVY. (SWN)

2. REMARKS: ONE GORDYY DESTROYER (DD), ONE LST-511 AMPHIBIOUS VEHICLE LANDING SHIP, AND OTHER NAVAL COMBATANTS AND SUPPORT CRAFT WERE MOORED ALONGSIDE TWO PIERS AT THE BASE [REDACTED] FIRST IDENTIFIED IN 1977 IN THE EARLY STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION, YOUJIH IS THE LARGEST NAVAL BASE IN THE NORTH SEA FLEET, AND WHEN COMPLETED, IT WILL BE THE LARGEST IN CHINA. THE BASE CURRENTLY CONSISTS OF TWO CONCRETE PIERS, EACH APPROXIMATELY 535 METERS LONG, WITH A THIRD PIER AND FOUR QUAYS STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THREE BREAKWATERS (TWO PENINSULAR AND ONE INSULAR) WILL FORM THE HARBOR AREA WHEN COMPLETED. TWO GRAVING DOCKS AT THE BASE, CURRENTLY USED TO FABRICATE CAISSONS FOR THE BREAKWATERS, COULD BE USED FOR SHIP REPAIR ONCE CONSTRUCTION ON THE BREAKWATERS HAS BEEN COMPLETED. SHORE FACILITIES INCLUDE YOUJIH CRUISE MISSILE SUPPORT FACILITY [REDACTED] AND HUNDREDS OF CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT BUILDINGS. (SWN)

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ANALYST'S COMMENTS: WHEN COMPLETED, YOUJIH WILL PROBABLY REPLACE QINGDAO NAVAL BASE [REDACTED] AS THE MAJOR NAVAL BASE IN THE NORTH SEA FLEET. THE QINGDAO/HUANGDAO PORT COMPLEX, WHERE QINGDAO NAVAL BASE IS LOCATED, IS THE LARGEST COMMERCIAL PORT ON THE YELLOW SEA, AND POSES SIGNIFICANT CONGESTION AND SECURITY PROBLEMS FOR THE NAVAL VESSELS ASSIGNED THERE. ADDITIONALLY, YOUJIH CRUISE MISSILE SUPPORT FACILITY IS CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING CHINESE CRUISE MISSILE-EQUIPPED COMBATANTS, SUCH AS LUDA DD AND GORDYY DD WHICH ARE CURRENTLY BASED AT QINGDAO. (SWN)

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